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Re: Application of Graham J. BROAD, Noel A. MCDONALD, Charles WILLIAMS
WAVEGUIDE DIRECTIONAL FILTER
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref: Q80038

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/857,104 (Confirmation No.9254) filed September 18, 2001 of Graham J. BROAD, Noel A. MCDONALD, Charles WILLIAMS entitled WAVEGUIDE DIRECTIONAL FILTER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. An Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2817.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/857,104, which was a national stage entry of PCT/AU99/01071, and having a U.S.C. 371 acceptance date of September 18, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
December 4, 1998	PP7570	December 4, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/857,104.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,
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